GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6195
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DE-LICENCING OF DANGEROUS CHEMICALS
MAHESHWAR SINGH

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Government propose to de-licence 19 dangerous chemicals;

(b) if so, the details and the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Commerce and Industry have given any recommendations in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government have taken any action to ensure that all companies follow the security/safety measures prescribed by the Ministry of Environment and Forest regarding manufacturing, storage and use of dangerous chemicals; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS : (Dr. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) to (f): Only three chemicals are covered under compulsory licensing. The three hazardous chemicals under compulsory licensing are:

281119.01 Hydrocyanic acid and its derivaties.
281210.01 Phosgene and its derivatives.
292910.09 Isocyanates and di-isocyanates of hydrocarbon, not elsewhere specified (example: Methyle isocyanate).

At present there is no proposal for delicensing these chemicals.

A number of measures have been taken by the Government to ensure compliance with Manufacturing, Storage and Import of Hazardous Substances Rules, 1989 (amended in 1994 and 2000) and the Chemical Accident (Emergency Planning, Preparedness and Response) Rules 1996 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 for proper handling of chemicals and management of accident. Different authorities specified under these Rules have been entrusted with specific responsibilities to ensure compliance.